

# HAWAII IMMIGRANTS and PUBLIC BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY (revised September 2006)

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	Qualified Immigrants <sup>1</sup> in the US before August 22, 1996	Qualified Immigrants who enter the US on or after August 22, 1996	Compact of Free Association (COFA) <sup>2</sup>	"Not Qualified" <sup>3</sup> Immigrants
<b>TANF/ PONO/ TAONF</b> Money for families--key is children under 19.	<b>Yes</b> -Must be a child under age 19. -Asset only deeming rules apply to sponsored immigrants	<b>Yes</b> , if they have five years residency in US with qualified status -Can still get funds from TAONF without the five years -Must have child under 19yrs old. -Asset and income deeming rules apply to sponsored immigrants	<b>Yes</b> , under TAONF program Must have child under age 19.	<b>No, except:</b> Citizen children under age 19 may be eligible for benefits. Victims of trafficking and their beneficiaries
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) &amp; SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE (SSDI)</b>  Disabled: unable to engage in substantial gainful activity and disability will last more than 12 months or lead to death  <i>Deeming may apply to some categories of immigrants</i>	<b>YES if:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become a naturalized citizen</li> <li>SSI recipient or qualified as disabled on 8/22/96</li> </ul> <b>Otherwise NO, unless:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veteran, active duty, and dependents (surviving un-remarried spouse also)</li> <li>Worked/have credit for 40 qualifying quarters<sup>4</sup></li> <li>Refugee, asylee, Cuban-Haitian entrants, granted withholding of deportation, Amerasians during first 7 years after get status</li> <li>American Indians born in Canada and other tribal members born outside US</li> <li>Certain battered women.</li> </ul> <b>Not Eligible if:</b> 65 or over but do not meet disability criteria or exemptions  <b>Note: Can get AABD.</b>	<b>NO, unless:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become naturalized citizen</li> <li>Refugee, asylee, Cuban-Haitian entrants, persons granted withholding of deportation, Amerasians during first 7 years after get status</li> <li>Veteran, active duty, and dependents (surviving unremarried spouse also)</li> <li>Worked 40 qualified quarters</li> <li>American Indians born in Canada and other tribal members born outside US</li> <li>Certain battered women.</li> </ul> <b>Note: Can get AABD.</b>	<b>NO (SSI).</b> <b>NO (SSDI), unless:</b> Worked 40 qualified quarters.	<b>No, unless:</b>  Receiving SSI on August 22, 1996--continues until Sept. 30, 1998  Certain American Indians born Abroad  Victims of trafficking and their derivative beneficiaries

1 Qualified immigrants are: (1) lawful permanent residents; (2) refugees, asylees, persons granted withholding of deportation or paroled for at least one year; (3) Cuban-Haitian entrants; and (4) battered spouses and children with a pending or approved (a) spousal visa or (b) petition for relief under the Violence against women Act (VAWA), when the need for benefits has a substantial connection to the battery or cruelty.

2 Micronesians, Marshalese, and Palauans are considered non-immigrants. COFAs are currently not eligible for Federal benefits, including SSI, Food Stamps, and Legal Aid services.

3 Not qualified immigrants includes all non-citizens who do not fit within the qualified categories (this includes Undocumented and others).

4 Immigrants can get credit for work performed: (1) by parents when the immigrant was under 18; and (2) by a spouse during the marriage (unless marriage ended in divorce or annulment). No credit is given for quarters after 12-31-96 if the worker also receive a public benefit (Food Stamps, TANF, Medicaid, etc.).

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<b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE (GA)</b>	<b>Yes, if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18-65 years old</li><li>• Disabled--cannot work 30 hrs. or more a week because of disability and the disability has lasted at least 60 days.</li></ul> <p>* NOTE: Asset ONLY deeming rules apply to sponsored immigrants</p>	<b>Yes, if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18-65 years old</li><li>• Disabled--cannot work 30 hrs. or more a week because of disability and the disability has lasted at least 60 days.</li></ul> <p>* NOTE: Deeming rules apply</p>	<b>Yes, if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18-65 years old</li><li>• Disabled--cannot work 30 hrs. or more a week because of disability and the disability has lasted at least 60 days.</li></ul>	<b>No</b>
<b>AID TO THE AGED, BLIND, DISABLED (AABD)</b>	<b>Yes, if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 65 yrs or older; <u>or</u></li><li>• Blind; <u>or</u></li><li>• Disabled for at least 12 months.</li></ul> Asset ONLY deeming rules apply	<b>Yes, if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 65 yrs or older; <u>or</u></li><li>• Blind; <u>or</u></li><li>• Disabled for at least 12 months.</li></ul> Deeming rules apply	<b>Yes, if</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 65 yrs or older; <u>or</u></li><li>• Blind; <u>or</u></li><li>• Disabled for at least 12 months.</li></ul>	<b>No</b>
<b>QUEST</b>  Medical care for families and those on GA--an HMO based system	<b>Yes--can receive full services available.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pregnant women are eligible for QUEST.</li><li>• Qualified status for five years in US</li></ul> Otherwise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only <b>emergency</b> services (DHS defines emergency) for 1<sup>st</sup> 5 years in U.S.</li><li>• Children under age 19 can get full services under QUEST.</li><li>• Qualified immigrants who are exempt from this 5 year ban include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Refugee aliens;</li><li>○ Immigrants granted asylum OR whose deportation is being withheld;</li><li>○ Immigrants residing in Hawaii honorably discharged or active duty military and their spouse and dependent(s); and</li><li>○ Cuban, Haitian &amp; Amerasian refugees or entrants.</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Yes--can receive full scope of services available through Quest program.</b>	Emergency services only unless:  Certain American Indians born abroad  Were receiving SSI on 8/22/96  Victims of trafficking and their derivative beneficiaries
<b>MEDICAID</b>  medical care for seniors and disabled--can go to own doctor(s)  Deeming rules may apply to some post-'96 immigrants				
<b>FOOD STAMPS</b> Yes, if meet one of the requirements in <b>each</b> of the columns. Sponsor Deeming Rules Apply	<b>Yes, if qualified immigrant in qualified status for at least 5 years since 8/22/96, Also,</b> refugees; asylees; Cuban-Haitian entrants; those granted withholding of deportation or withholding of removal; Amerasians; & military and/or spouse or dependent(s); Lawful permanent residents with 40 work quarters; anyone who was 65yrs old or older on 8/22/96; members of Hmong of Loatian tribe during Vietnam War or spouse or child of tribe member; Certain American Indians born abroad. <b>NO Residency requirement for qualified immigrant children</b> younger than 18; also not subject to deeming provisions ( <i>beg.10/01/03</i> ) <b>Qualified disabled immigrants</b> are eligible for Food Stamps if receiving benefits for their condition regardless of date of entry <sup>5</sup> ( <i>beg.10/01/02</i> ).		<b>NO, unless:</b>  Become naturalized citizen  Meet Lawful Permanent Resident requirements (i.e. qualified immigrant with qualified status)  Veteran or active duty military and dependants	<b>No unless:</b> Member of Hmong or Loatian tribe or spouse or dependants, if lawfully present in US  Certain American Indians born abroad  Victims of trafficking and their beneficiaries